

Happiest Marriages Are Those in Which the Wife Is Older Than Husband, Says May Irwin, Who Carries Out Her Belief

Sprightly Actress Philosophizes on Wedlock for The Evening World, Declaring Her Belief That Love and Respect Weigh Far Heavier Than Age.

By Alice Rohe.

"THE woman who marries a man younger than herself is happier than the woman who marries an older man."

"There are cases where age does not exist. Love and respect weigh heavier in the balance."

"A man has more respect for a woman older than himself, and respect is necessary to happiness."

"Marriage is not to be laughed at. It is a very serious matter."

"A man between thirty-two and forty-five quite naturally prefers to marry a woman older than himself. It is only the old men who have a strong penchant for young girls."

No, gentle reader, I must admit the above bits of philosophy do not sound a bit like May Irwin—the May Irwin we all know as the jolliest and funniest comedienne on the American stage.

And, furthermore, the above proverbs were delivered in the most serious manner, although I must confess that when I entered Miss Irwin's apartments at the Hotel Woodstock to interview her on her approaching marriage with her manager, the youthful Kurt Eliseit, I had expected a ten-minute rapid-fire monologue on matrimony from the "Only May" with a laugh in every line.

"Marriage is a very serious matter," said Miss Irwin, as we made our way through trunks full of clothes ready for the flight to the Thousand Islands, where the wedding will take place Sunday.

NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT MARRIAGE.

"And you maintain that it is not to be laughed at?" I said.

"Laughed at?" echoed Miss Irwin, without a trace of the Widow Jones or Mrs. Wilson or any of the ladies whose quips at marriage have brought the comedienne many a laugh. "You don't mean to say that you expected me to say anything funny about marriage, did you? I'm funny on the stage because I get paid for it. I don't have time to be funny after I leave the theatre. Besides, I don't see how any one could regard matrimony any way but seriously."

"Very few people do, especially the married ones," I ventured to say.

"Well, I will tell you quite plainly why I am going to be married," said Miss Irwin, and in her story there was a good deal of philosophy.

"My first husband died many years ago, and I always said I would never marry again until my two boys were grown up and situated in life so that they were well started on successful careers. I have worked hard for my children, and I have taken care of my mother. I never wanted to marry while they were dependent upon me."

"Now that my boys are started in life, I feel as though I have a right to take a look after my own happiness. My sons are very fond of Mr. Eliseit, and they always take the Queen can do no wrong attitude toward me."

Not Right to Live Alone.

"Now, it isn't right that woman should live alone. It is a law of nature that we should be mated. A woman is lonesome when she is not married. I have met a man I love and I'm going to marry him; that's all."

YEGGMEN BATTLE CITIZENS WHEN HALTED IN RAID

Two of the Robbers and a Watchman Shot and Others Wounded at Hornell, N. Y.

HORNELL, N. Y., May 24.—In a battle between a gang of armed Yeggmen and citizens here early to-day Night Watchman John Hendy, of the Hornell Street Railway Company, was fatally shot, several citizens were injured and three of the robbers, Joseph Carroll, of Brooklyn; Raymond English, of Rochester; and Harry Thomas, of New York City, were arrested.

English and Thomas were killed with buckshot in a running fight with the police.

Shortly after 1 o'clock the gang tried to enter the Hornell Street Railway Company's offices, were surprised by Watchman Hendy, and in a fusillade Hendy was shot. Before this the gang had broken into the Struben Silk Mills, where they were surprised by Night Watchman Thomas Kelly, whom they beat into insensibility.

Before going to the mills they robbed the grocery store of William Jeffries and the meat market of Chris Hupley. At the latter place they blew a safe and got \$40.

From the meat market the gang went to the residence of William F. Purdy, evidently knowing that Mr. Purdy had recently been elected treasurer of the South Baptist Church. They secured a lot of valuables there, together with important papers.

Mrs. Charles Root, who lives next door, put her head out of the window, and one of the yeggmen fired three shots at her, smashing the glass in the window, which cut her. Alderman Yost, who lives on the other side of Purdy, and who also was out at the time, was also shot at.

The noise of the shooting around the entire city, police force and a number of citizens. The burglars were soon running down the Erie Railroad tracks in a pistol battle with the pursuing crowd.

They jumped on a moving train and were scattering away, but the police and posse followed on a swift engine.

One of the yeggmen was seen to jump into the river from the freight. He was followed by Policeman Kelly, who even on a hundred yards and arrested the yeggman at the point of his gun.

The other two yeggs, captured in the direction of Canisteo. The Canisteo police were notified and met them with shotguns. Officer Haler killed the legs and bodies of Thomas and English with buckshot before they would give up.

The injured men were taken to Hornell and locked up. Carroll was also taken up at Hornell.

PASTE GIVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR REAL SAPPHIRE

Eighth Avenue Jeweler Placed Under Arrest for Defrauding a Thief.

SAMUEL STERN, a watchmaker, of No. 638 Eighth avenue, was to-day arrested by Policeman Dominic Reilly. He is charged with receiving stolen goods and with larceny. According to police reports the home of Everett W. Little, of No. 60 West Fifty-eighth street, was entered on April 25 and a sapphire and diamond pin valued at \$350 was stolen. William Edwards, a negro, was arrested and convicted of the theft. He came up for sentence to-day. The police learned from him that he had taken the pin to Stern and had the stones transferred to a ring. The ring was found on Edwards when he was arrested. When it was returned to Mr. Little he discovered that the sapphire had been replaced by an imitation stone. The detectives learned that Stern had sold the sapphire for \$15. It was resold several times, but recovered from his fourth purchaser, who had given \$25 for it. Sentence in Edwards' case was deferred until Friday. Stern was held for twenty-four hours.

NATHAN LUSTIG ARRESTED.

Accused by Stepmother of Beating and Robbing Her.

Nathan Lustig, twenty-three years old, accused by his stepmother, Mrs. Mary Lustig, of being one of two men who beat and robbed her of \$500, has been arrested.

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May Irwin's Moods.

I was a boy of fifteen."

"An old gentleman asked me not very long ago if I wouldn't tell him my personal reminiscences of Tony Pastor when he was on the Bowery."

"No," Miss Irwin went on. "I'm not quite that old, and Mr. Eliseit is not a child in arms."

"And you don't believe sentiment is affected by age?" I inquired after Miss Irwin talked on the prospects of happiness of a woman over forty married to a younger man.

"Sentiment is the same, no matter what the age, only it is tempered by common sense."

"Do you believe in the 'Love comes like a summer sigh' business in a

woman who has reached years of discretion?"

"Not exactly. A woman who has reached forty generally knows what she is about. There is just as much sentiment, but less sentimentality than in the romantic young girl."

Respects an Older Woman.

"A young man respects a woman older than himself. He likes to feel that he is married to a woman who can be relied upon and who has good common sense."

"There's been such an epidemic of marriages lately among the profession where the husband has been younger than the wife that when you confessed your approaching marriage the public simply had to have some sort of an explanation," I said with a guilty feeling at asking the very serious Miss Irwin so many personal questions.

"Well, I don't know, of course, about the others, but I feel as though I had earned my happiness and a right to follow my own inclinations."

"And you can count on everybody wishing you all kinds of happiness, too," I said in conclusion.

"As for the difference in age, about where age does not exist. Love and respect weigh heavier in the balance."

Miss Irwin extended her hand in good-by, and the last words of the comedienne who is associated in our minds with the best laughs of our lives repeated solemnly:

"Marriage is not to be laughed at; it is a very serious matter."

SHAH'S BROTHER IS MAKING TROUBLE.

TEHRAN, Persia, May 24.—The Governor of Luristan, a brother of the Shah, is stirring up the warlike nomadic tribes and collecting well-armed troops to support the Persian Revolutionists.

In Persia itself anti-dynastic proclamations are appearing, disturbances continue at Shiraz, while army units are being sent to the north and Shiraz.

SKIN TORTURES AFFLICT CHILDREN

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